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In re Application of

Tuomo KIVISTÖ et al

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For: ARRANGEMENT FOR TREATING SOLIDS
SETTLED ON THE BOTTOM OF AN
ELECTROLYTIC TANK

REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Notice mailed January 30, 2002, a Declaration signed by the inventor(s) and identifying the application by International application number and filing date was previously filed on January 4, 2002, as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the return postcard. A copy of the Declaration is enclosed. A copy of the Notice is also enclosed. The fee for belated filing of the Declaration was paid at the time of entering the National Phase, and therefore no fee is payable at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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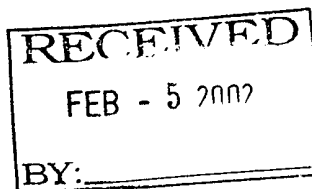
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- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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